

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 are in the application.

The objection to the drawing based on reference characters not being included in the description has been obviated with the required inclusion. No corrected drawings are required. No new matter is included thereby since the reference numbers were in the claims as originally filed.

Claims 1-5 were rejected in the Official Action under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with enabling requirement, particularly since elements in the claims were asserted as not being found in the specification. Because of unclear language the claims were not examined on their merits.

In response thereto, with the above amendment the claims have been incorporated *in toto* into the specification with detailed references to the drawings for all of the elements contained therein. No new matter has been added thereby with only descriptions as contained in the original claims as filed (as basis for reference number attribution) and the drawings. Features such as the meaning of the term “transverse” specifically referred to by the Examiner have been explained as a function dictated by the structure shown by the drawing and this does not constitute new matter.

Entry of the amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested. With such entry, the claims are fully supported by the specification and drawings (which is part of the specification) and the Examiner is requested to review and withdraw the rejection of the claims based on 35 USC 112, first paragraph. The Examiner is further requested, in view of the claims being clarified, as required, to examine the claims on the merits, and, in the absence of relevant prior art, to allow the application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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